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This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 16, 2003, for which the three-month date for response is August 18, 2003, as August 16, 2003 falls on a Saturday and August 17, 2003 falls on a Sunday.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks to the Office Action** begin on page 8 of this paper.

If an extension of time is required to enable this paper to be timely filed and there is no separate Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, this paper is to be construed as also constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for a period of time sufficient to enable this document to be timely filed.

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It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2032.006800/DCD.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendment and remarks is respectfully requested.